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TOWN HALL

SITUATED IN the heart of the Calumet region, Munster is a prime residential oasis of fine homes a half hour distant from Chicago's famous Loop district and adjacent to Hammond, Indiana.

While its ethnic ancestry spans 175 years to the early 1850s when the migrating Dutch were attracted to the rich black soil through which probes the Little Calumet River, the community has a youthful air of newness, unstifled by outmoded tradition.

On the southeast corner of Ridge Road and Columbia avenue in Munster is a historical marker identifying the site of the "Old Brass Tavern", the first building in the settlement and popular travelers' rest stop on the only road then leading into Chicago.

From way station for traders and transients, Munster developed first into a quiet, prosperous Dutch-American farming community. But its greatest population growth has been in the post World War II years when three-quarters of the present residences were built. These homes have been established by well-to-do indus-

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trial executives and professional people such as doctors, lawyers and educators. The value of the average Munster home, including lot, is in excess of $50,000.

Often referred to as the "Showplace of the Calumet Region", Munster's reputation as a "town of integrity" has attracted an unusually high percentage of college and university trained men and women who are employed in the fields of finance and education as managers and engineers in the tremendous steel and oil industries of Chicago and northern Indiana cities.

Munster has had the advantage of sound, original planning, intelligent restrained expansion and an efficient local government. Because less than 60% of the town has been developed, there is ample room for further home construction. In addition, a generous 1000 acres in the southeast section has been reserved for industiral expansion.

With knowledgeable, active citizenry in charge and with past experience as guide, Munster's future prospects are bright indeed.

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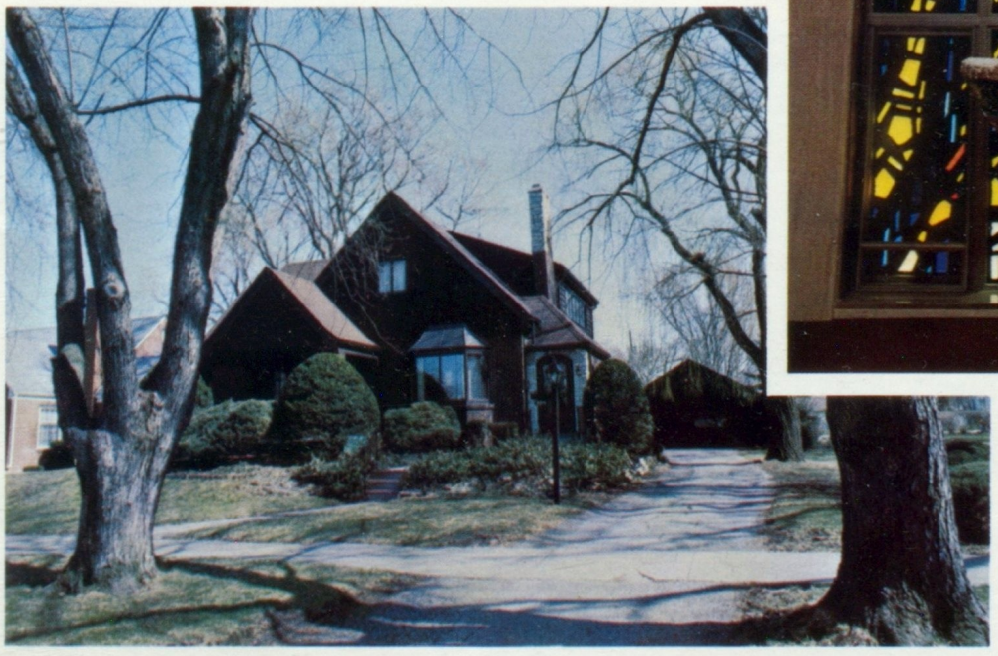

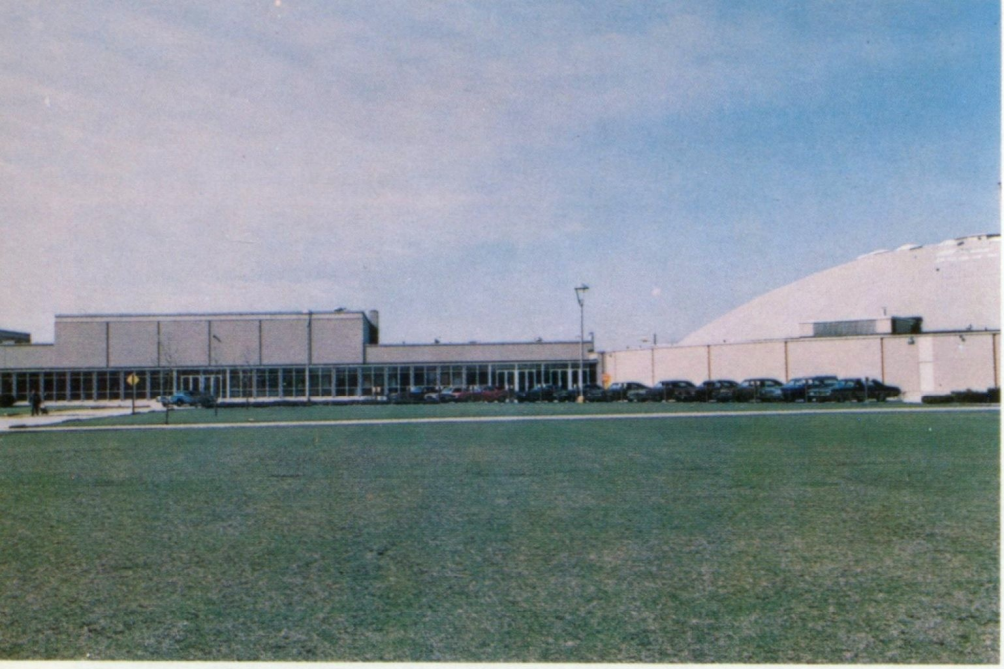

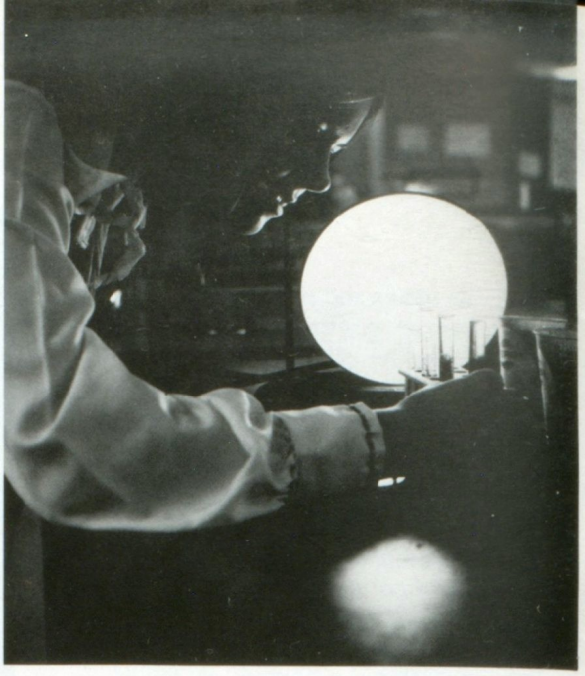

PROGRESSIVE PUBLIC and PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

A WELL-ROUNDED curriculum and modern school structures are typical of the progressive planning and foresight of the community. The Munster school board has been successful in keeping ahead of the school population growth, now approaching 5000 students, with facilities being added before needs became acute. The instructional program emphasizes fundamentals, the cultural interests of foreign language, music and art and a physical fitness program for all students.

There are four public elementary schools. The present middle school (grades 7-9) is on a 40-acre site adjacent to a new senior high school (grades 10-12) which permits the schools to share the auxiliary facilities of fieldhouse, auditorium, swimming pool and fine arts building. Enclosed or covered walkways join the two main school structures. A year around utilization of facilities for academic and community programs justifies the climate control in the buildings.

Other outstanding features of the Munster junior-senior high school system are language laboratories, graphic arts preparation rooms, counseling suites, greenhouse and science laboratories, music rooms, a research-resource center with 116 individual study carrels and large-group lecture rooms with provisions for rear

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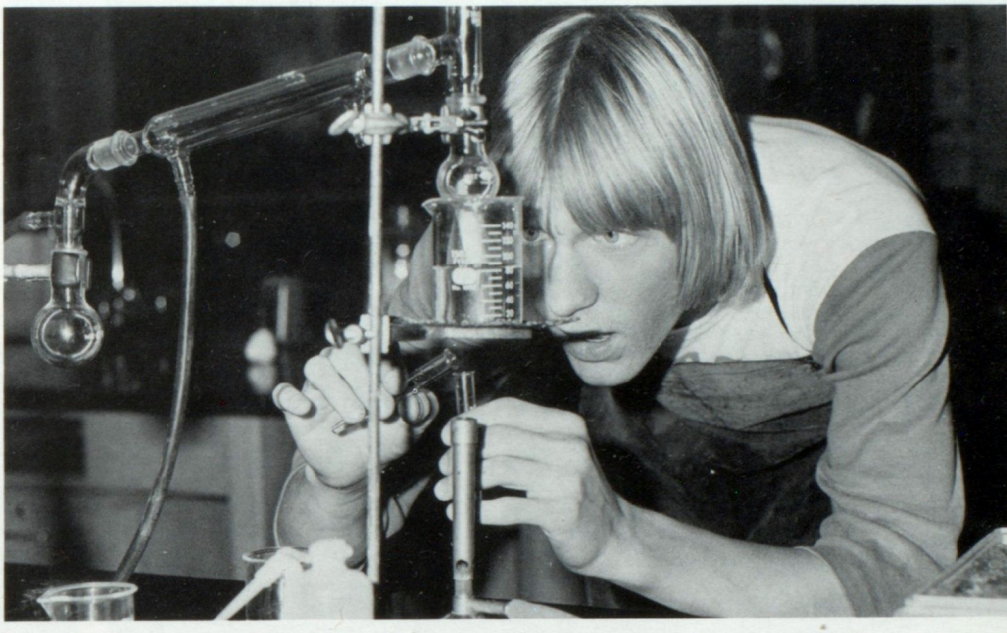
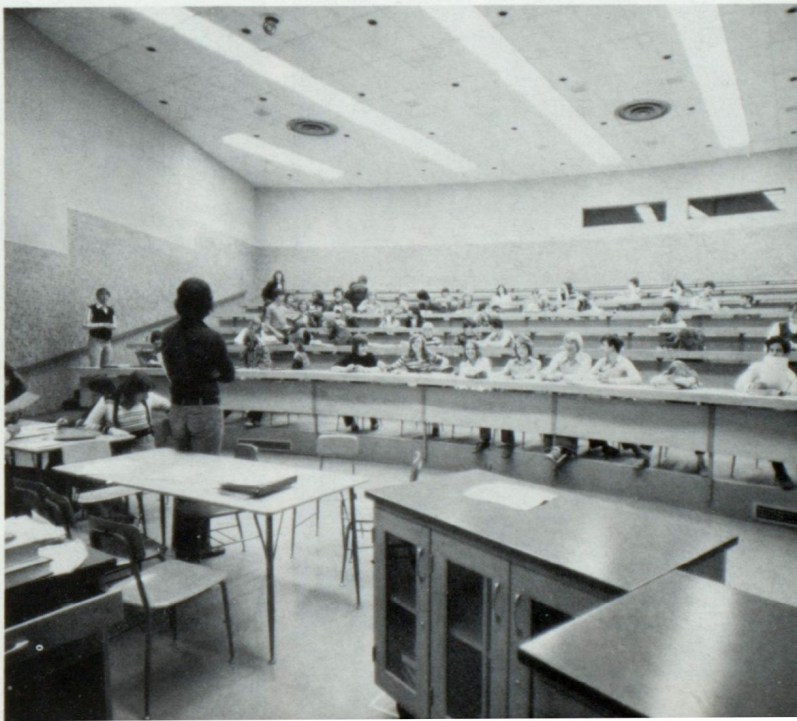
In addition to normal teaching and administrative personnel, the system employs a psychologist, speech and hearing therapist, nurse, elementary coordinator, materials center director, two music instructors, band director, writing consultant, two junior-senior high counselors and three foreign language instructors.

The St. Thomas More Parochial School, founded in 1949 and expanded in 1965, offers a more sheltered type of school experience for grades one through eight. It is staffed by Sisters from the Motherhouse of the Benedictine Order, Nauvoo, Illinois, on a one-to-one basis with lay teachers, enabling students to receive





instruction from a sister every other year.

In addition to academic instruction, all students receive once-a-week physical education training. An outstanding program in vocal and instrumental music is included in the curriculum.

A high percentage of Munster graduates proceed to advanced studies in colleges and universities all over the country. Many, however, elect to continue their education in nearby institutions such as Valparaiso University and Calumet College. Also, extensions to Indiana and Purdue Universities are located within the county.

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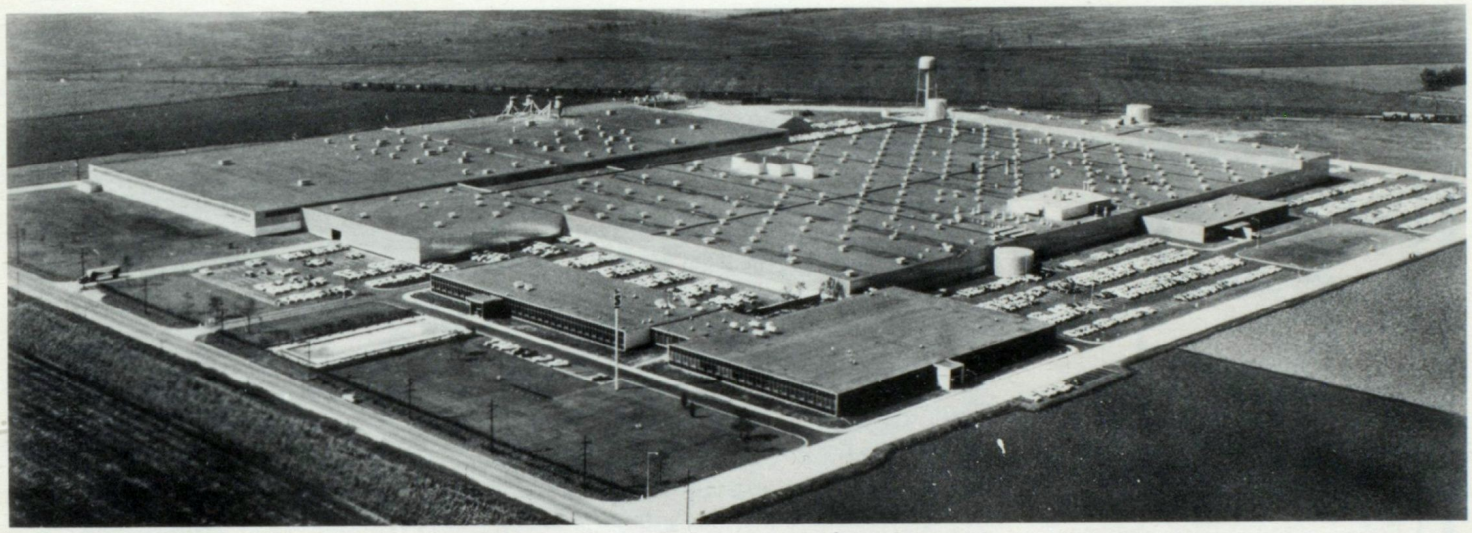

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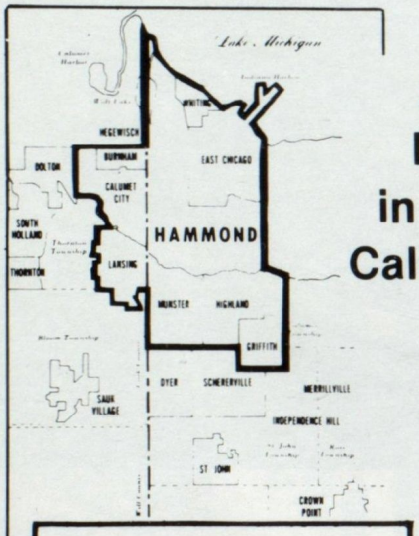

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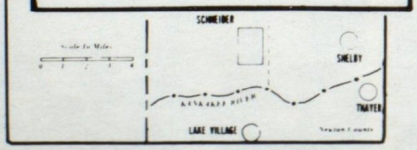

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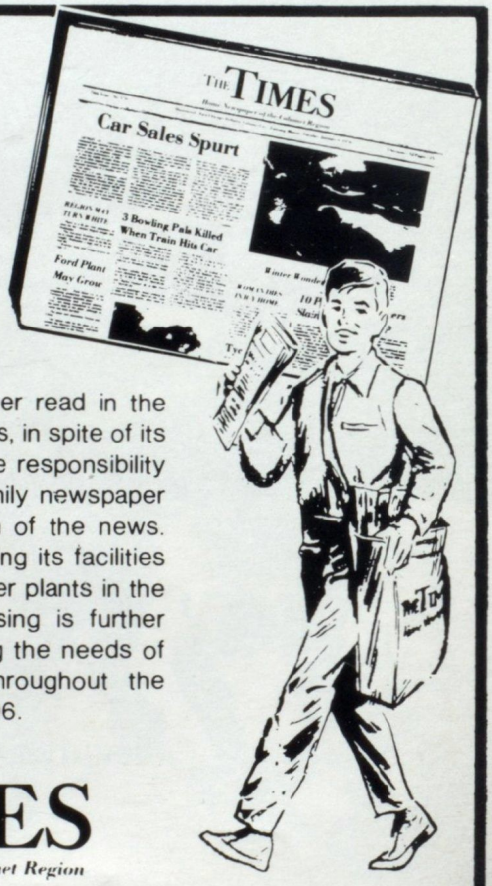

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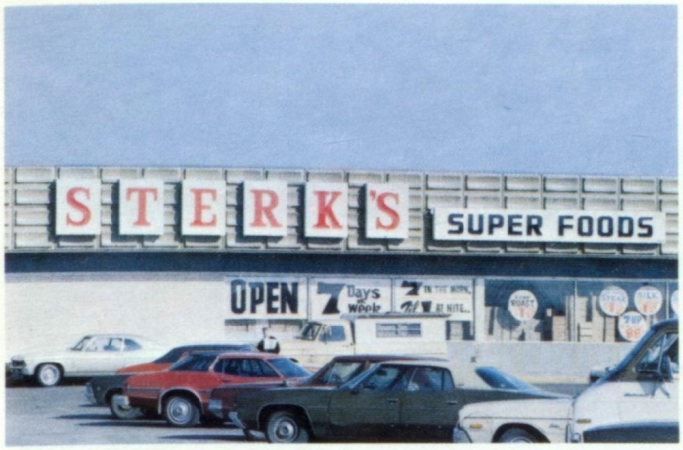

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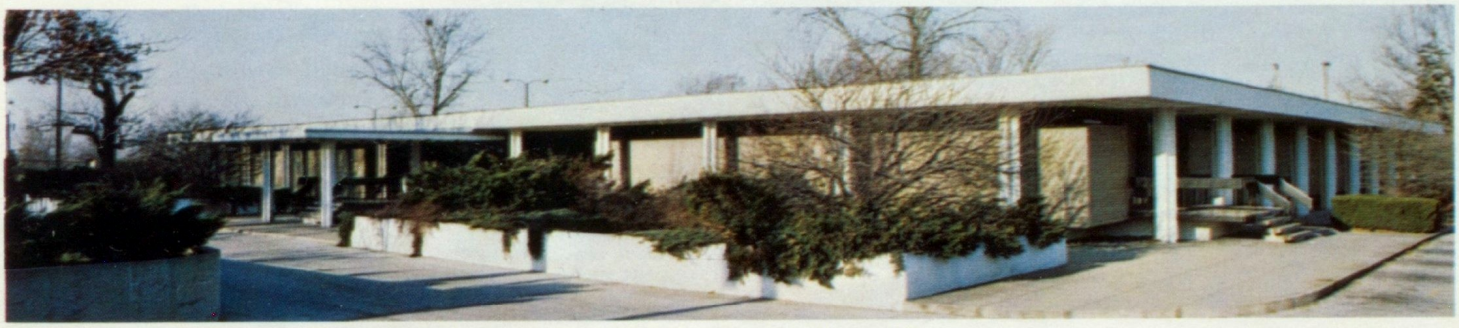
Hammond Clinic, largest of the medical centers, moved to Munster in 1961. The clinic is a private partnership offering 24-hour service including minor surgery, an eight bed hospital and a 156-bed extended care facility.

Jones Clinic, a group practice of 19 physicians at 110 Ridge Road, offers medical services by both specialists and general practitioners. It has complete laboratory and x-ray facilities; also an Industrial Medicine Department renders services to many businesses in the area.

In addition to the two large group practices, there are four main facilities which provide office space for those physicians who are in private practice.



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The newest medical facility is the Community Medical and Professional Center, an attractive building of Spanish design. In addition, to the 24 office suites for physicians and dentists in private practice, it houses a modern medical diagnostic laboratory and X-ray and pharmaceutical services.

Within Lake County there are over 500 practicing physicians and 185 dentists. Of these, 140 maintain offices in Munster. Augmenting the health care facilities are the large adjacent metropolitan hospitals when special services are required.

One of the annual popular events is Red Garter Night, sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of Community Hospital. It is a combined benefit dinner dance and "home-talent" event. The stage production is written and produced entirely within the community, and even though it is held in the largest available hall, it is always a "sold-out" event almost as soon as ticket sales have been announced. It is evidence of the strong community spirit and "small town enthusiam" notably lacking in most larger metropolitan areas.

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But it is not necessary to wait for vacation time and pack up the car for any particular number of miles to have four-seasons fun. Recreational facilities are uniquely and plentifully supplied within the Munster community.

The large, centrally located 35-acre Munster Community Park is owned and operated without tax support by the non-profit Munster Community Park Association, Inc. The park embraces four Little League diamonds, a regulation size football field, a number of playground and picnic areas, tennis and basketball courts, an ice-skating rink with a warming shelter, a Girl Scout shelter and a large community shelter building. An active, all-inclusive summer recrea-

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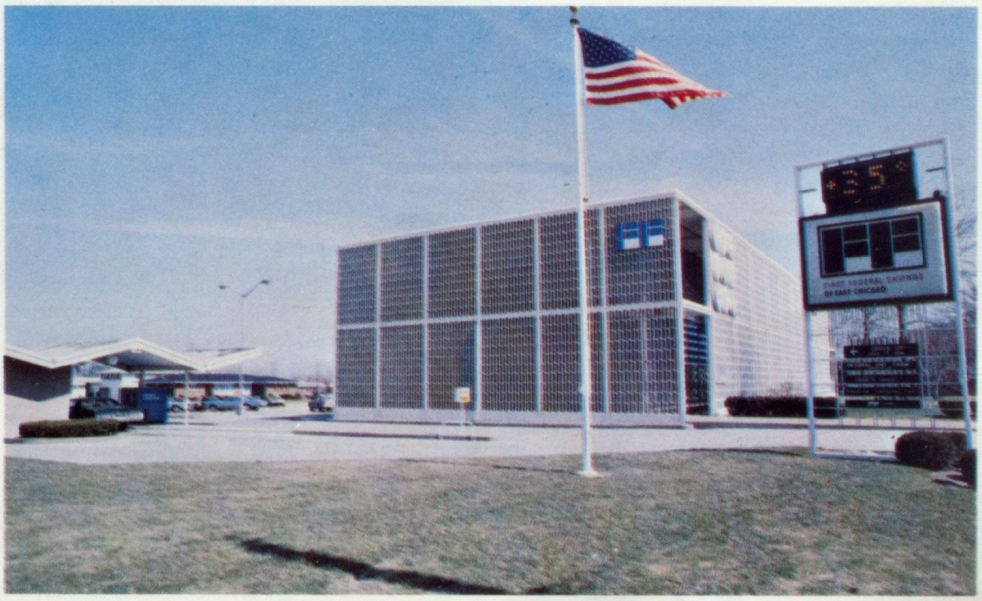

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FUN ON WATER AND LAND

tion program is conducted each year, and in the fall, there is a popular annual Horse Show and Fall Festival succeeded by a Turkey Shoot.

A Board of Directors made up of representatives from Munster civic groups, service clubs and churches administers the Park. An Annual Membership Drive, group contributions plus voluntary manpower completely underwrite the operational cost.

Adjacent to the Munster Community Park is the Munster Swimming Pool, a facility which was financed entirely within the Community through the sale of bonds to local residents.

The Town of Munster has a number of smaller playgrounds punctuating the city. Wicker Park, operated by North Township, adjoins Munster to the East. An excellent 18-hole golf course, tennis courts, picnic area and swimming pool are available there.

The Indiana Dunes National Park on Lake Michigan is less than a half hour from the Town.

One of the prominent cultural assets of Munster is the Munster Library, part of the Lake County Public Library system.

In addition to local bowling, there are many area festivals as well as the collegiate and professional sports in the adjacent metropolitan area of Chicago.

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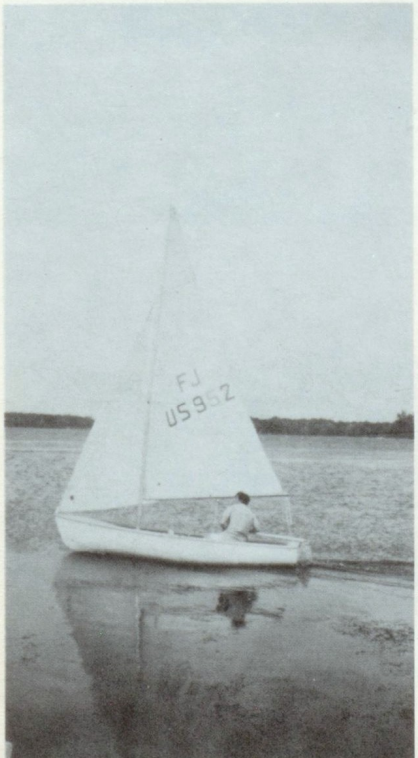

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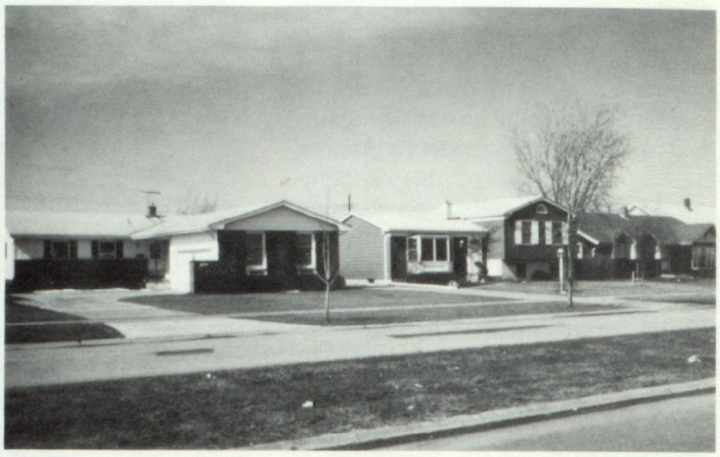

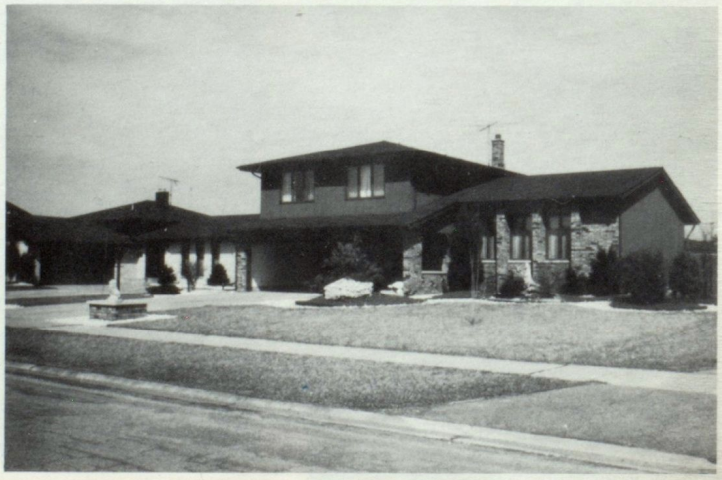

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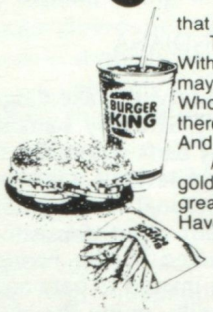

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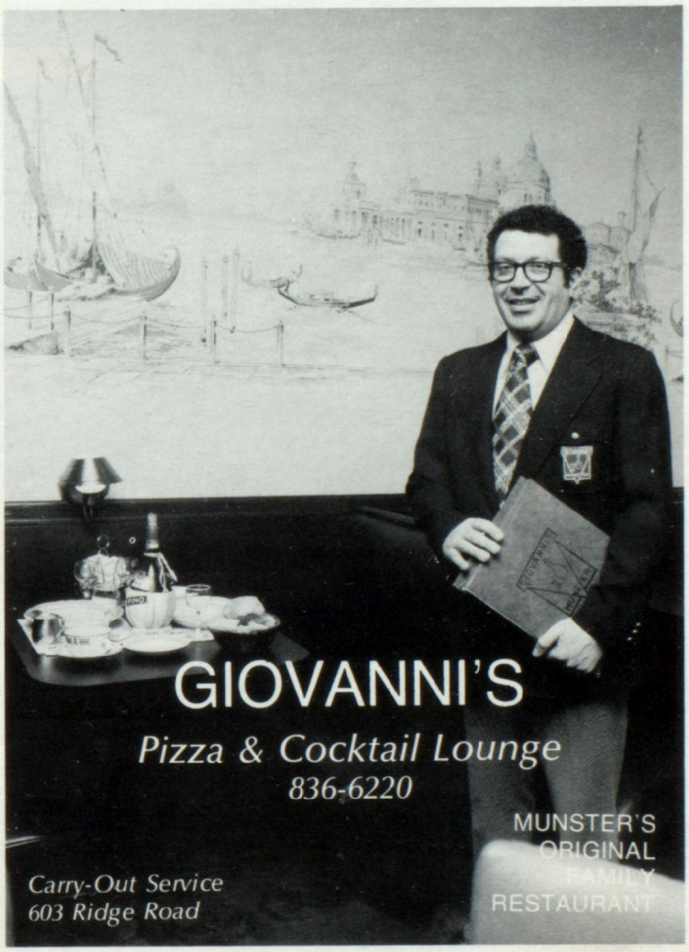

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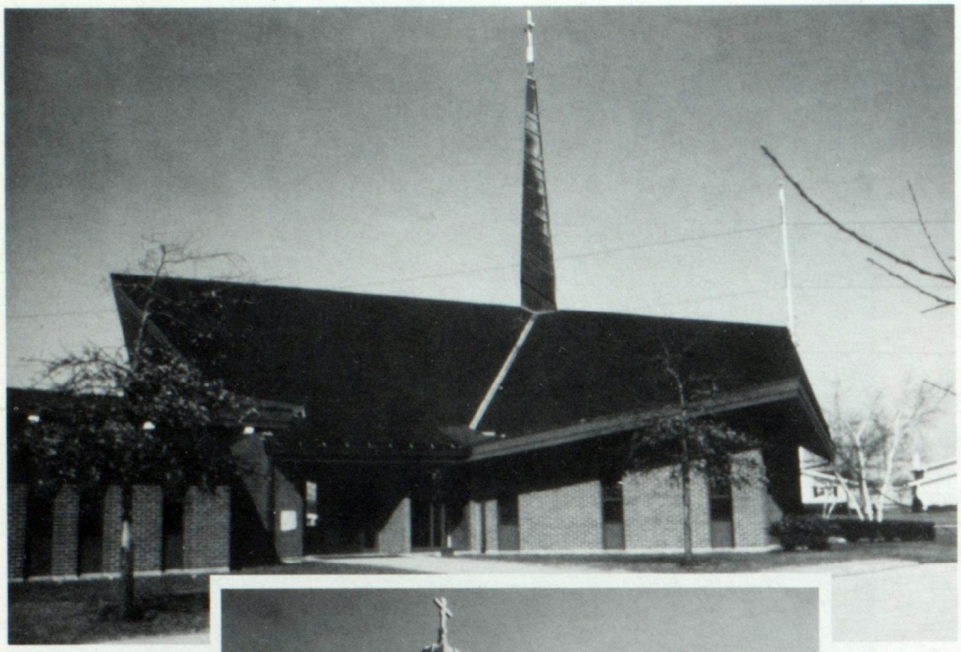
WITH THE EXCEPTION of a few neighborhood stores, the major portion of Munster's 280 retail stores and service shops are concentrated along the three main Town thoroughfares. Ridge Road, Calumet Avenue and 45th Street.

A major shopping attraction is a grouping of several major companies and satellite shops known as the Calumet Shopping Center which originally opened in Munster in 1964.

The newest shopping plaza in town is located along 45th Street. It has been developed with one of the newest shopping innovations in mind — a completely enclosed mall, which allows shoppers the greatest comfort and convenience. This mall houses 8 specialty shops and a fine family restaurant.

In addition to the well-known department and food store chains, several large independent supermarkets make their bid for a share of the food basket dollar.

A HERITAGE OF FAITH



THE INFLUENCES of deep Christian conviction have been evident in Munster ever since the original Dutch immigrants, themselves members of the Dutch Reformed Church, settled the area in the 1850's.

The Dutch immigrants began construction of the first church in Munster in 1874 at the corner of Ridge Road and Hohman Avenue. The Dutch Christian Reformed Church still stands in the same location today, although the original building has long since been replaced by a modern facility.

While the community life of today no longer revolves exclusively about the church, all of the beautiful structures represent what amounts to a united community effort to finance and build them. The loyal, individual congregations participate actively in the concerns of community and willingly cooperate with civic organizations to improve the quality of life.

There are 12 different religious faiths in Munster, including such leading denominations as Baptist, Christian Reformed, Lutheran, Roman Catholic, United Methodist and United Presbyterian.

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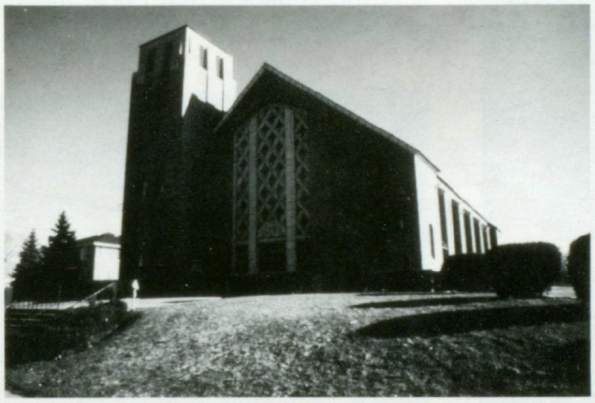
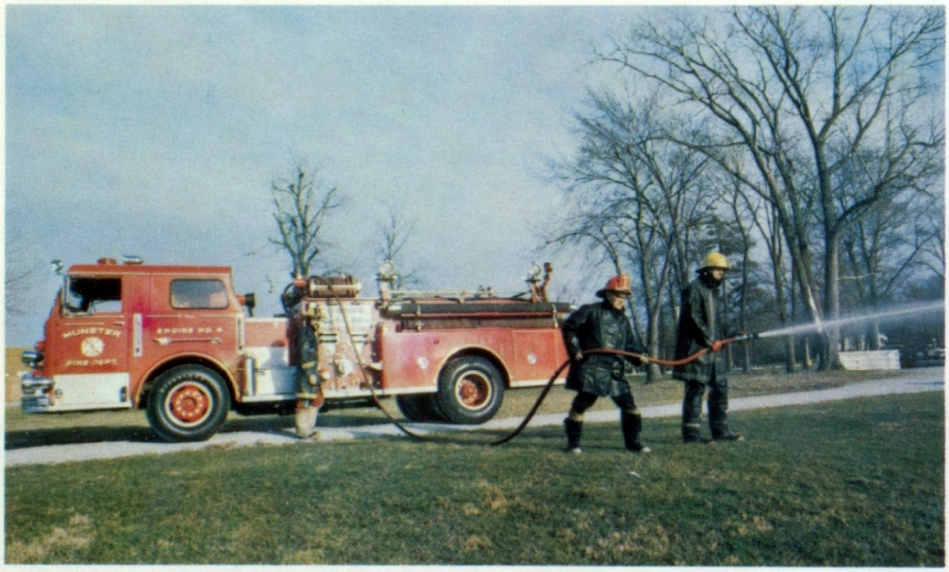
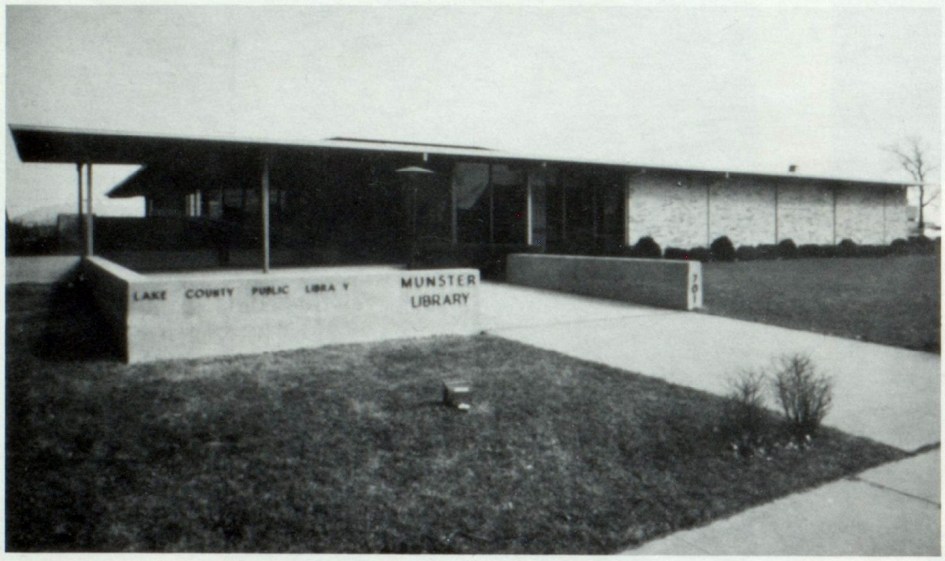


TOWN GOVERNMENT PROVIDES SUPERIOR





ATTRACTIVE TO TO both residents and industry is the orderly growth, superior municipal services and modest tax rates which are the key attributes of the Town government of Munster.

Incorporated in 1907, the Town has been governed by a town board of four trustees, elected by local, independent political parties until 1958 when both national parties filed candidates. The four trustees appoint the members of the various commissions and boards — police, fire, zoning appeals, plan, public works and school board. The Town Clerk-Treasurer is elected along with the trustees every four years.

The Munster police department, guided by three police commissioners, is one of the finest in the entire Calumet region. It has an enviable traffic safety record, the finest in mobile communication equipment and a model training program for its officers. The Indiana Office of Traffic Safety has made numerous awards and commendations to the department for its safety programs and multiple years record of no fatalities.

Low annual fire losses have earned the volunteer fire department both

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state and national recognition.

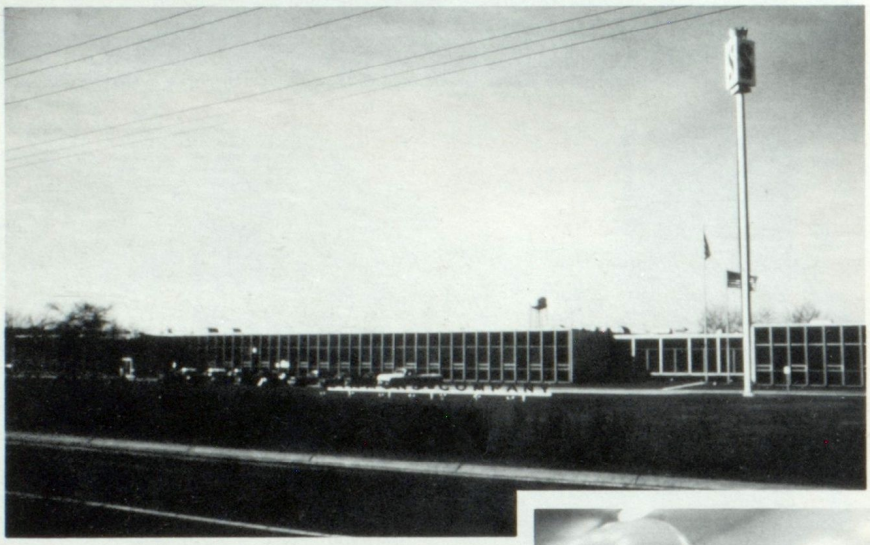
Credit for the orderly development of the Town through its recent growth years goes to the intelligent and conservative planning of the members of the Board of Zoning Appeals and Plan Commission. The consistent updating of zoning and subdivision ordinances and adherence to them has served to make Munster's codes and ordinances a model sought after by surrounding communities.

The strong pride in community appearance is evidenced by the manner in which the street department keeps the roadways clean and attractive. The snow removal program, in particular, is recognized as the most efficient of any municipality in the region.

In the spring of 1966 a substantial expansion program was completed of ground and elevated storage facilities that should meet all residential and industrial needs for a pure and continuous water supply for a considerable number of years in the future.

Electricity and gas is supplied by the Northern Indiana Public Service Company; communications by Illinois Bell Telephone Company and Western Union Telegraph Company.

OPPORTUNITIES FOR LIGHT INDUSTRY



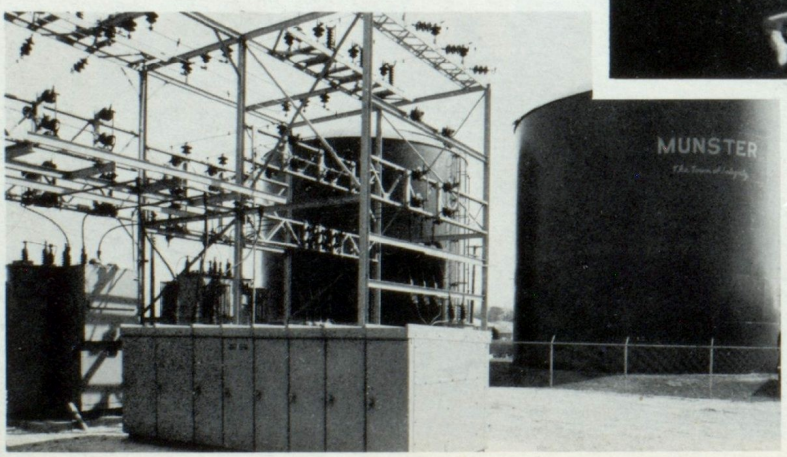
PROXIMITY TO the Chicago market and the huge area labor pool adds to the attractiveness of the 1000 acres of land zoned for light industry in the Town of Munster.

Four plants employing approximately 2,000 persons have already located in Munster. Largest is the home plant of the Simmons Company, with 1,265 employees. The others are the Munster Steel Company, a steel fabricating plant; the National Brick Company; and Pepsi Cola General Bottlers, Inc., the largest Pepsi canning operation in the country. In addition, a large developer is in the process of locating an industrial park in Munster on 1,000 acres in the southwest section of town.

Major truck lines, three railroads, and adjacency to major inter-state freeways and the Indiana Toll Road combine with other factors to make Munster a desirable industrial location.

Electricity and natural gas are supplied by the Northern Indiana Public Service Company. Water from Lake Michigan is provided by the Town of Munster which it purchases from nearby Hammond.

Telephone service is provided by Illinois Bell Telephone Company.



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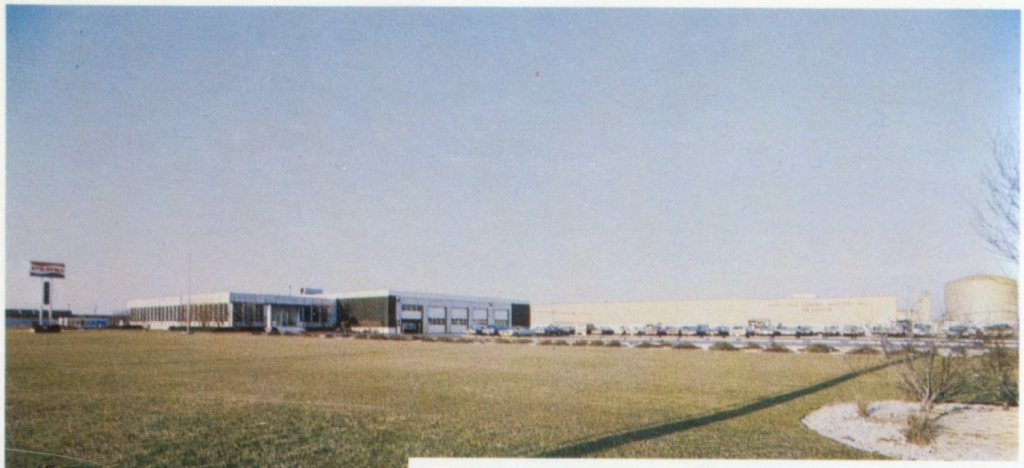

The Munster Plant is located on 24 acres and occupies 165,000 square feet of office and production facilities, employing 250 people.

The Munster Plant, with warehouses in Michigan City and Kankakee, services LaPorte, Starke, Pulaski, Porter, Lake, Jasper, Newton and Benton Counties in Indiana along with Iroquois, Livingston, Will, Cook and Kankakee County in Illinois.

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